# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) Case No. 05-cv-329-GKF(PJC)
TYSON FOODS, INC., et al.,	)
Defendants.	<i>)</i> )

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA'S STATEMENT REGARDING MOTIONS IN LIMINE

COMES NOW, the Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. W.A. Edmondson, in his capacity as Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment, J.D. Strong, in his capacity as the Trustee for Natural Resources for the State of Oklahoma under CERCLA ("State"), and, pursuant to the Court's directive (*see* Dkt. #2480), respectfully submits its Statement Regarding Motions *in Limine* as follows:

- 1. None of the State's motions *in limine* has been rendered moot in its entirety. All of the State's motions *in limine* raise viable evidentiary issues.
- 2. In light of the Court's recent denial of the State's "Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's July 22, 2009 Opinion and Order," damages-related issues as raised in the motions *in limine* are presently moot. However, the motions *in limine* are only moot to the extent that they address such damages-related issues. Although some of the State's motions *in limine* address damages-related issues, such motions also address other non-damages issues. For instance, as part of the State's "Motion *in Limine* Pertaining to any Alleged Adverse Impact Which May Result If the Relief Sought by the State Is Granted," the State argues that "the possible economic impact that could result from an award of damages . . . has no conceivable relevance to any claim

or defense in this case . . ." Dkt. #2427 at 6. However, the bulk of that Motion addresses the admissibility of economic harm evidence as it pertains to injunctive relief. *Id., passim.* Plainly, the admissibility of economic harm evidence in the injunctive relief context is <u>not</u> moot.

3. On August 27, 2009, Defendants filed their "Suggestion of Mootness on Parties' Motions *in Limine*" ("Suggestion of Mootness") asserting that one of Defendants' and five of the State's motions *in limine* have been rendered moot in their entirety by the Court's recent rulings. *See* Dkt. #2536. However, there is absolutely no basis for Defendants to assert that <u>any</u> of the State's motions *in limine* is moot in its entirety. The Court recently <u>denied</u> Defendants' Motion to Strike Jury Demand. *See* Dkt. #2537. Furthermore, the Court has <u>denied</u> nearly all of Defendants' many motions for summary judgment. *See, e.g.,* Dkt. ##2467 and 2472. The State has viable claims under RCRA, public nuisance, trespass, federal common law nuisance, 27A Okla. Stat. § 2-6-105(A) and 2 Okla. Stat. § 2-18.1. In sum, there is simply no basis to suggest that any of the State's motions *in limine* has been mooted in its entirety by the Court's recent rulings.

Respectfully submitted,

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The State understood that the Court intended that the parties' statements would not address motions *in limine* filed by the opposing party(ies). In other words, the statement filed by the State should only address the *State's* motions *in limine* and the statement filed by Defendants should only address the *Defendants'* motions *in limine*. In this regard, the State believes that Defendants' Suggestion of Mootness does not comply with the Court's directive.

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